unions did not support the recommendations relating to private sector entry into the insurance industry, disinvestment by the Government in the existing insurance entities, and their restructuring. The managements of the insurance companies wanted to have a transition period to prepare for competition. The consumer interest groups, Chambers of Commerce and Industry and academics generally supported the Malhotra Committee recommendations. The suggestions made in these discussions will be kept in view by the Government while taking a final decision on the recommendations made by the Malhotra Committee.

Frauds in Union Bank of India

194. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of frauds being perpetrated on the customers in the Union Bank of India;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a few employees of the Home Street Branch Bombay had defrauded the bank to the tune of Rs.47,33,975 by manipulating the S.B. Account books of the Branch;

(c) whether the Bank has been postponing final action against Managers and Deputy Managers; and

(d) whether any CMD or other Director is also involved in this case, if so, gives details, if not whether enquiry will be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The number of frauds perpetrated in the bank during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 were 60, 51 and 52 respectively involving Rs.668.02 lakhs, Rs.410.94 lakhs and Rs.224.94 lakhs respectively.

(b) to (d) The bank has reported that a few of its employees of Home Street Branch had defrauded the bank to the tune of Rs. 47,33,975/-by manipulating the SB Account Books. After regular departmental enquiry, one special assistant, one clerk and one daftary of the Home Street Branch were dismissed from the services of the bank in July, 1991. The matter has also been investigated by the CBI. Departmental proceedings have been instituted against two branch managers and one accountant of Home Street Branch for their contributory negligence on the basis of the recommendations of CBI.

"आशंकाएं सच निकली" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार

195. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:**
श्री दिग्विजय सिंह:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 3 जुलाई, 1995 को नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित हिंदी दैनिक "हिंदुस्तान" के पृष्ठ संख्या 6 पर संपादकीय में "आशंकाएं सच निकली" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त प्रकाशित समाचार पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और समाचार में प्रकाशित आशंकाओं के कारण उत्पन्न समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है?

सूचना और प्रसारण के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) कथित सम्पादकीय में व्यक्त विचारों के विपरीत सरकार ने इस समझौते को समग्र राष्ट्रीय हित में उपयुक्त समझा है।

Hindi Programmes Telecast From Calcutta

196. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecasting of programmes in Hindi from